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**Trinity Church Reaches across Atlantic for Next Rector**

New Haven, CT — The Wardens and Vestry of Trinity Church have announced that the Rev. Dr. **Luk De Volder** will become the next Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church—its 14<sup>th</sup> rector in an unbroken line that extends back to 1752, and its first to hail from another country.

He will first preach as Trinity’s Rector at 7:45 AM and 10:00 AM services on Trinity Sunday, June 19 [2011]. The entire community is invited to join the congregation that day in welcoming Luk De Volder to Trinity Church and New Haven.

Luk De Volder comes to Trinity from Christ Church in Clermont-Ferrand, France, a parish in the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe that ministers primarily to expatriate Americans working and living in France.

Fluent in English, Dutch and French, Luk (pronounced “Luke”) De Volder, who holds a Ph.D. in Theology and Liturgy, is 39 years old and was born and grew up in Belgium. He served as an ordained priest in the Roman Catholic Church for six years before being received into the Episcopal Church in 2005.

He is married to Tiffany Israel, a doctoral candidate in theology who is a native of Boston, Mass. In early June, they will move to New Haven and become members of the Trinity congregation.

Trinity Episcopal Church is located on the Green at the Corner of Temple and Chapel Streets. To its congregation of over 700, Trinity offers diverse worship styles and programs for adults, teens and younger children, multiple opportunities for fellowship and outreach, compelling preaching and a strong music program—four choirs, with over 125 singers.

More about Luk De Volder and Trinity Church is available at [www.trinitynewhaven.org](http://www.trinitynewhaven.org).

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